



# Your **ROTOSCOPE** for **Thursday, April 29, 2010**

for the Rotary Club of San Marino, California, USA

## FIVE YEARS ON THE ALHAMBRA BENCH

**LAURA PRIVER IS PRESIDING JUDGE** in the Alhambra Court House, sharing some of her experiences with us this week, and outlining some of the current issues and problems facing our court system. Judge Priver has seen the system from both sides of the bench, first with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, then after her November 2004 election as Judge. She graduated at IU – Indiana University – and came west to law school at Whittier, where she obtained her J.D.

**SHE STARTED HER CAREER** as a senior law clerk in the D.A.'s office, then for twenty years as a deputy district attorney with a range of assignments from advising the grand jury to the sex crimes and child abuse division at the Pasadena court house. She also participated in the Abolish Chronic Truancy Program that has been helping keep teens in school.

**AS A JUDGE, SHE HAS BEEN GIVEN** another broad mix of assignments, including handling the misdemeanor calendar in West Covina, at the felony arraignment court there, in Pasadena with the preliminary hearing court, and to Alhambra's long cause felony trial court. With over 10,000,000 people in Los Angeles County, Judge Priver has seen *everything*. And as one of some 30,000 people working in law and justice for our county, she's right in front of keeping our fragile civilization safe and working as well as it does. This should be a fascinating program, inside the judge's chambers, and another meeting where you are encouraged to bring a guest to enjoy Rotary.

### HAVE YOU A PLACE AT THE TABLE?

**IT'S A VERY EXCLUSIVE** gathering, you know. Not just *anybody* is able to enter *La Casa del Alcalde y El Duce del Ciudad de San Marino!* But it's the place to be seen on Thursday, May 6, for Rotary's May 5 party a day late. There will be an authentic Mexican buffet dinner straight from a food vending truck parked outside (if cleared by county health), as well as lots of Mexican beers and refreshments. And there will be an authentic Mariachi band to disturb the neighbors and awaken the coyotes across the street in Jim Folsom's jungleland.

**TO BREAK INTO THIS FESTIVE** occasion, it takes plenty of pull. You need to pay a bit of *mordida*, a tiny bribe of only \$35 per person. That's quite reasonable for bribing most Mexican *alcaldes*, you know! And you need to respond to Lucille Norberg, and let her check your credentials to be sure you are acceptable to the *alcalde* hisself.

**REMEMBER OUR CINCO DE MAYO** party is on the **SEIS DE MAYO**, next Thursday, May 6, at 1425 Hampton Road, starting at 6:30 (and everybody OUT by 9:00 p.m., as *el alcalde* wants peace and quiet after that late hour). Guests are very welcome, too, if they meet the standards of the *alcalde* – and far more important, if Lucille says they're OK. See her this Thursday to present your resume and your *mordida* bribe, and to see if she'll let you in this last "Rotary on the Town" for Emile's year.

### A WALL OF A THOUSAND NAMES

**THAT'S DENISE WADSWORTH'S GOAL** for support from our city for SAN MARINO UNITED AGAINST CANCER. It's a reasonable goal, if you will join Denise's Mideract students, families, and your neighbors in getting on the team. You don't need to run in the Arcadia Relay for Life, you know, though you're welcome to do so. There are other ways to support the American Cancer Society in this event.

**IT'S ABSOLUTELY EASY TO BECOME** a member of our city team. Google "**Arcadia Relay for Life,**" and you'll quickly find "**Three ways to Donate**". Type in SAN MARINO UNITED AGAINST CANCER in the team name, or DENISE WADSWORTH in the member name blank, follow the link, and as Denise says, "be grateful you're not battling one of these diseases at this very moment!"

**THERE ARE FINE WAYS TO HONOR** a cancer survivor, or to memorialize a cancer victim. We all know several in each category. This event lets us express our support for the work of the American Cancer Society as we recognize family and friends who have faced cancer.

**DENISE ADDS:** "I'D LOVE to be able to have a wall of 1000 San Marino people who bought a memorial or a celebration luminaria for their friends and family members.

**"WE ALL KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS WON; WE ALL KNOW SOMEONE WHO HASN'T."**

## APRIL / MAY 2010

### APRIL

29 Noon Judge Priver of Alhambra Superior Court

### MAY

6 Noon **NO LUNCH MEETING**

6 **EVENING CINCO de MAYO PARTY**

13 Noon Gary Cunningham on World University Games

20 Noon Group Study Exchange team from Brazil (*sorry, BRASIL!*)

27 Noon Art at the San Marino Public Library (*not at the Church*)

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April 29: From the Judge's Chambers



## NAMES YOU MIGHT RECOGNIZE

**A BIG 'B' FOR BARBARA**, or is it for BICE? Doesn't matter. It's impressive on her mailings, the big 'B' split through the middle with "BICE" and circled with her home address in Pasadena. It's announcing yet another spring trip for Barbara and Scott, off sailing the Pacific until early June. A toast, then, though I don't remember the Irish wish, "may the winds be always at her back."

**THE OLD GREY MAYOR**, he ain't what he used to be. Did you see Dennis around Rotary last week, in his grubbies? He admitted he's putting in time down sorting our refuse to extract recycles, etc. for our trash hauler. Well, they didn't actually put him to work, but ask him what all he saw in the heavy stream of San Marino trash.

**PRESIDENT EMILE HAD A GOOD** if sad excuse for missing our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, as he'd been down in New Orleans helping the family organize the affairs after the January loss of his brother-in-law. In proper N. O. fashion, they had lots of family fun in the process, celebrating a fine life that included a couple of extra, unexpected years. And Emile's hoarseness last week? Just the lousy air we all breathe on long airline flights.

**MATT BALLANTYNE MUST BE BORED.** That's the conclusion of a bright senior in government class who heard of the Council-Manager system of city government. It was described how the Council sets policy, and the different department heads carry things out. The senior felt the city manager must be bored (and overpaid,) with nothing to do as department heads did all the work.

**TRIBUNE REPORTS:** "April 14, 8:46 p.m. A traffic stop at Monterey and Ken Veronda resulted in the vehicle being impounded for expired registration." Vehicle stopped over his dead body? Poor guy!

## SHELTER BOXES IN HAITI

**REMEMBER THOSE "SHELTER BOXES"** that Jack Hamilton encouraged Rotarians to help fund, and that the Interact Club members at Southwestern Academy took to heart in funding some 28 of them? The concept came from a small Rotary club in England, gathering and packing supplies to sustain an extended family for some weeks with tent shelter, cooking methods and equipment, protection from the elements, and simple medical supplies. Depots of "shelter boxes" were established at major airports around the world, ready to be flown to sites of disasters. Local Rotarians would help distribute them, and let the donors know how and where they had been put to use. Well, no word ever came back to the Interact Club members who'd caught the fire of funding them, but we have heard that thousands of "Shelter Boxes" were distributed as part of Rotary's Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund.

**SHELTER BOXES USA** has a great web site telling more, and soliciting funds to replace the boxes shipped to Haiti. Each box costs around \$1100 (changing with the dollar's valuation against the Euro), and of course contributions to the USA branch are deductible for USA tax purposes.

## NEW HELP FROM INTERNATIONAL

**R.I.'S BIG TOWER OFFICE** in Evanston has something new to help Rotarians get around the myriad programs offered by Rotary: "ROTARY COORDINATORS" to offer guidance on youth, fellowship, and action groups. These are volunteers serving for three years, trained to implement support for clubs while increasing humanitarian services and enhancing Rotary's public image. They'll work at "Zone Level", geographic groups of districts, and incoming presidents such as our own Bob Nafie have been given the secret way to reach our "coordinator" should any of us need help.

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## EMILE'S PHILOSOPHIES:

I find each morning is the dawn of a new error.